(b) The overall industrial growth in April-December'94 as per the quick index of industrial production released by CSO is 8.3%. As per the advance information available in respect of 24 industries which account for a weight of 50% of the index of industrial production, the overall growth rate of these industries during April-February, 1994-95 is 9.2%.

Loss making PSUs

4778. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the loss making PSUs in the country have gone into the deep red during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to save those loss making PSUs by adjusting the amount of profit making PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the other concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) During the year 1993-94, upto which period only information is available 117 out of 240 operating Central PSEs incurred losses. The details of the enterprises and the amount of loss incurred during the five years ending 1993-94 have been detailed in Statement No. 7 B of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1993-94 laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 22nd March, 1995.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government. The Sick Industrial PSUs have been registered with Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). For other PSUs revival package is being prepared by respective administrative Ministry/Departments.

Employment in Khadi and Village Industries

4779. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to provide employment to the rural people in Khadi and Village Industries;

(b) whether there is a need to promote Khadi and Village Industries for the purpose;

(c) if so, the steps taken in tha,t direction so far during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the projection made for the remaining period of the Eighth Five year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the first three years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, Rs. 617 crores have been released to KVIC for implementing programme in KVI Sector. Special Employment Programmes have also been launched.

(d) An enhanced plan outlay of Rs. 343 crores has been provided for the KVIC for the year 1995-96 as against an outlay of Rs. 214 crores during the year 1994-95. This has been done in order to implement the recommendations of the High Power Committee which examined the present status of Khadi and Village Industries in the country and gave its report for rejuvenation of this sector. The existing schemes of the KVIC are being restructured so as to provide gainful employment on a sustained basis in the KVI sector.

Committee for encouraging industries in tribal areas of Gujarat

4780. SHRIMATI ANANDIVEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have consti-